GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Post of Ambassadors
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the category-wise and country-wise total number of Indian Ambassadors posted in foreign countries as on date;

(b) the country-wise number of post of Ambassadors lying vacant and the time by which the posts are likely to be filled up and the time since when these posts are lying vacant;

(c) the strength of Ambassadors belonging to Indian Foreign Service and Indian Administrative Service; and

(d) the number of such Ambassadors absorbed in this service through private services which does not fall under the category of any distinguished Government service?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) As on date, 89 Ambassadors, 28 High Commissioners and 6 Permanent Representatives are posted in various Indian Missions in 117 countries abroad.

(b) As on date four posts of Ambassadors/ High Commissioners in following four countries have recently fallen vacant and are being filled-in - Iraq (in October 2016), Canada, the Philippines and Seychelles (in November 2016).

(c) As on date there are 118 Ambassadors/ High Commissioners/ Permanent Representatives belonging to Indian Foreign Service and one belonging to Indian Administrative Service.

(d) Nil.